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Intent to Replace Hoover Denied

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Attorney General John B. Mitchell dismissed as "pure speculation" yesterday a report that President Nixon plans to replace J. Edgar Hoover as FBI Director after the November presidential election.

Asked about the report on the NBC-TV "Today" show, Mitchell said: "As you know, the Director serves at the pleasure of the President and I think the President has made it quite clear that as long as Mr. Hoover is in good health and capable of carrying on his functions in the bureau, Mr. Hoover will stay there."

The report was carried by the Chicago Tribune.